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SUMMARY

The output on industrial activities is diffuse in character but most of the official criticism is directed against weak spots in civilian construction. The 1951 industrial shortcomings in the Ukrainian SSR are revealed in a speech by Finance Minister Shchedrin in the context of the Republic's budget performance. Contained in his message also is an intimation that the workers are "overpaid" in certain industries. Passing reference is made to instances of false estimates, squandering and stealing at plants and other industrial establishments. The drive against inordinate production costs and waste in general is still vigorously pushed. The continuing inadequate performance of the lumber industry and, to a lesser extent, the Donets coal industry, claims increasing official attention. The acute shortage of industrial engineering skill in the USSR is inferentially admitted through a ludicrous incident publicized by PRAVDA.

In the field of ideology, attention is focused on painting and motion picture production both of which are said to be faltering in many ways. Remnants of capitalism in the minds of the people as well as old habits and customs "are still making themselves felt," according to the All-Union Society for the Propagation of Political and Scientific Knowledge. The Moscow City Party Committee calls for a higher caliber of university instructors particularly in social sciences.

The decree on retail price reductions is heavily publicized on domestic and foreign beams.

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The Bolsheviki Party...is pushing a determined offensive against ideological survivals hostile to Socialism...against all sorts of old habits, customs and survivals of capitalism in the minds of the people which still make themselves felt in various spheres of our life.

Russian version:

Bolshevitskaya partiia...vedet reshitelnoye nastuplenie protiv ostatkov vrazhdebnoi sotsializmu ideologii... boryatsia so vsiakogo roda starymi privychkami, navykami i perezhitkami kapitalizma v soznanii ludey, kotorie eshche dayut o sebe znat v razlichnykh oblastiakh nashey zhizni.